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SUBJECT: PROPOSED APRIL NOTIFICATION TO ANNUITANTS

REF STATE 66330

1. DURING MY APRIL 3 PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN REFERENCE TO VICE-MINISTER KRZAK, HE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED NOTIFICATION TO ANNUITANTS (PARAGRAPH 9, REFERENCE) ON THE COURSE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. KRZAK CONTENDS THAT CIRCULATION OF THE NOTICE WOULD SET OFF IMMEDIATE PUBLIC DISCUSSION, PROMPTING ALL PENSIONERS TO DEMAND THE SAME RIGHTS AS THOSE GRANTED U.S. ANNUITANTS. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE, IF NOT PRECLUDE, THE NEGOTIATION OF A TRANSITION PERIOD SUCH AS OUR PROPOSAL ENVISIONS. HE ASKED THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THE NOTIFICATION BE WITHHELD, AT LEAST FOR ONE MONTH, AND HE PLEDGED DURING THAT TIME TO WORK TOWARD A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE ANNUITANT ISSUE.

2. I TOLD KRZAK THAT I COULD NOT BE SURE THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO STOP DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFICATION, BUT THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INFORM HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE REPLY.

3. RECOMMENDATION: HAVING IN MIND THAT THE DECISION TO
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CIRCULATE THE ADVISORY AT THIS TIME WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION

THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD RESUME IN APRIL, I SEE NO OBJECTION TO ACCEDING TO KRZAK'S REQUEST BY DELAYING THE NOTICE FOR A MONTH. HE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE A POLISH PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION OF THE ANNUITANT AND DEBT DEFERRAL ISSUES WITHIN TEN DAYS. I SUGGEST THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE TIMING OF THE NOTIFICATION TO ANNUITANTS BE RESERVED UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE POLISH COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

4. OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING MY MEETING WITH KRZAK WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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